

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 6, 7, and 9-11 and rejected claims 27-34. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3, 6, 7, and 9-11 contain patentable subject matter. Applicants have canceled claims 27-34 and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 27-34 in one or more continuing applications.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative below if any questions arise or she may be of assistance to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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